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Dear Gerry,

Most FBI agents are Hoover clones. They are selected by those he selected of those selected by those he selected. I believe that the nonsense spouted off to you is part of their indictrination.

Besides which their lives are easier for them if they believe that guff, as probably most do.

He should know better than he told you because he spent those years in the FBI. It believed that it did not require any permission to bug. It did for wire tapping but it wiretapped without asking for permission and even after it asked for and did not get permission.

That is how it appear in so many bank-robbery files: the FBI tapped Jerry Ray, who phoned me and was picked up.

Makes no sense but it is so.

Those who live and work in that environment have to adjust to it or get out.

This means believing what they've been told and that the FBI is always right no matter how wrong it is.

I suppose that after three decades of it the adaptation is permanent.

Our best,

Harold